Dangerous Creatures of Central Asia

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Tiger

Asian Wild Cat

Although the Tiger is endangered, there are tigers in the region.

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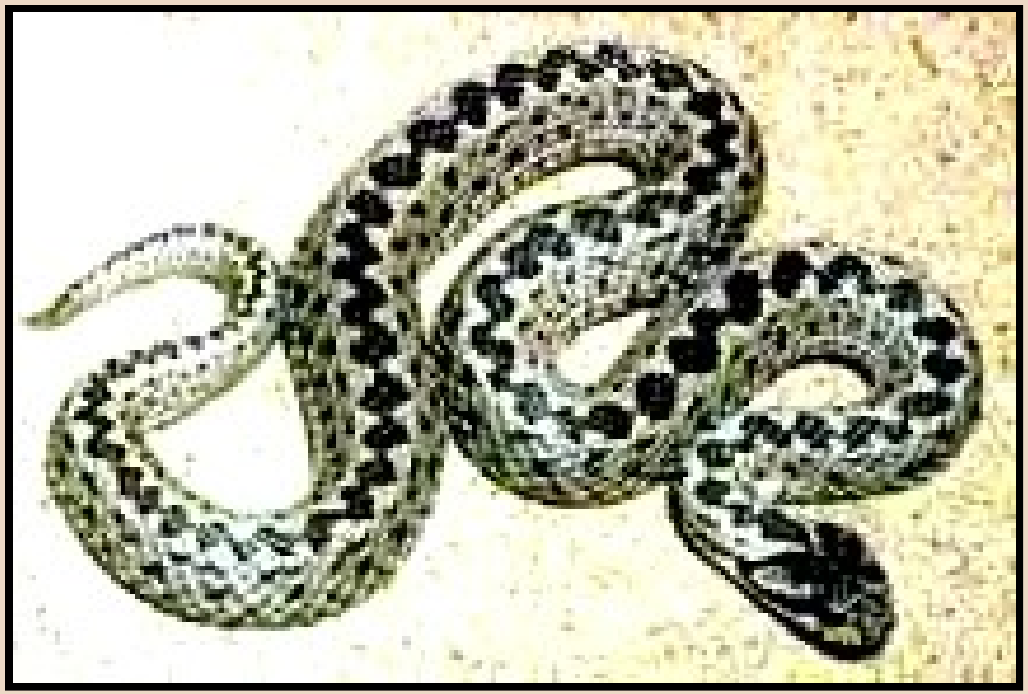
There are over 270 varieties of snakes in the region & 52 are poisonous. Here are some of them.



Vipera Berus

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Cobras (P)

Asian Cobra (12-18 ft)

Krait

Common Cobra (~8 ft)

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Agkistrodon Halys (Common, Red & Black Varieties)

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Vipera Lebetina

Coronella Austriac

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Vipera Ursini

Palestinian Viper

Saw Scaled Viper

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McMahon's Viper

Levant Viper

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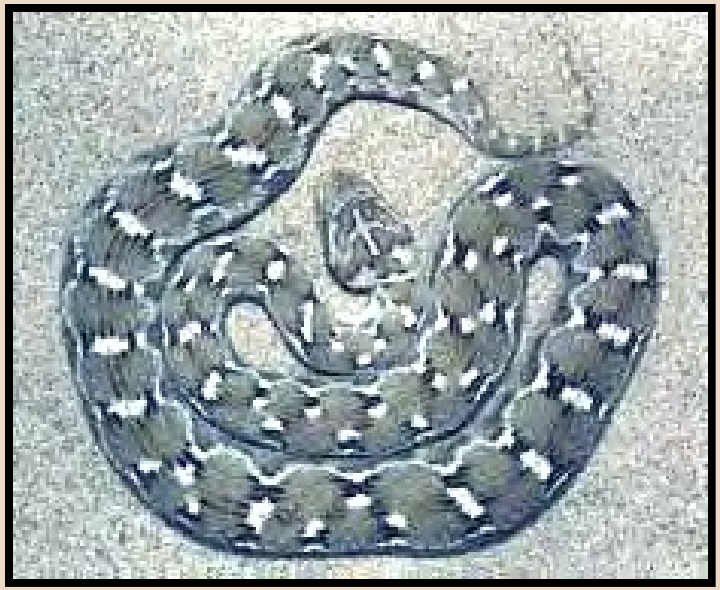
Echis Carinatus



Coluber Ravergieri

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South Russian Tarantula (NP)

Black Widow (P)

Black Widows in central Asia may be lacking the red hour glass marking.

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Scorpions

Anomalobuthus Rockmersi

Mesobuthus Caucasicus

Mesobuthus Eupeus

All are poisonous

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Salpuga (also called a Falanga)

This insect is non-poisonous, can grow up to 3 inches in length and leaves a gaping wound that is easily infected.

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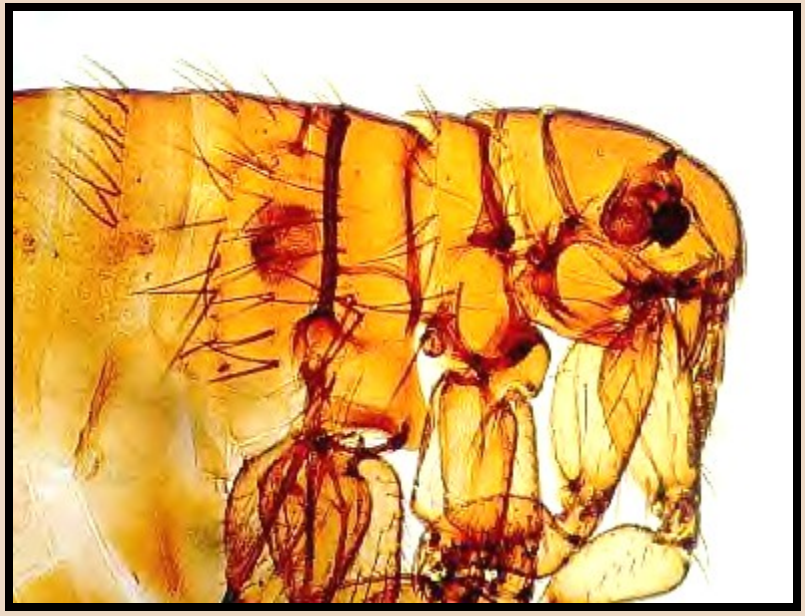
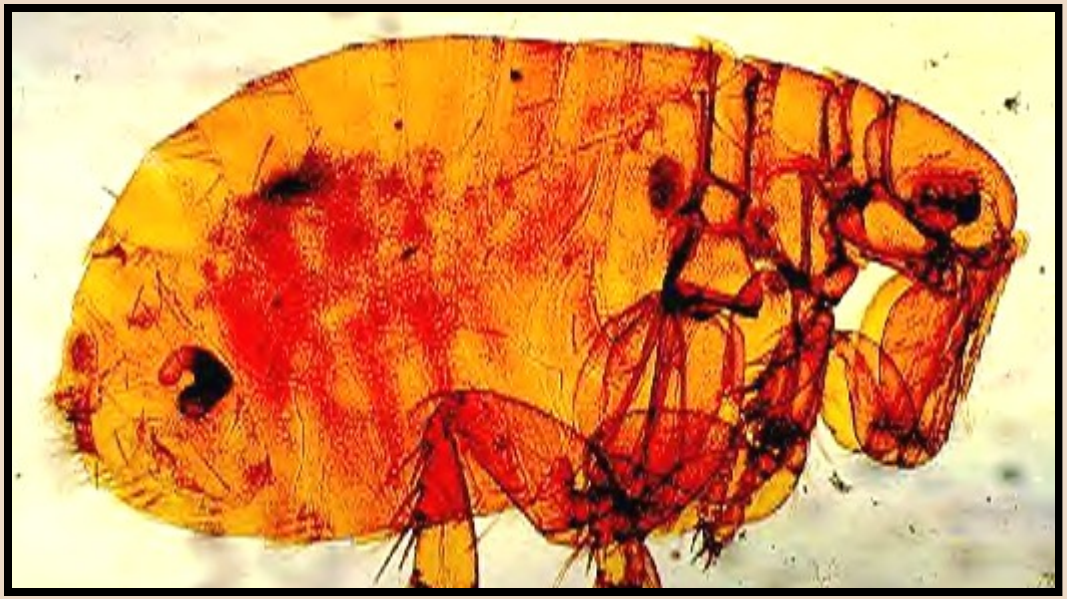
Human &

Rat Fleas

Fleas carry <u>Plague</u> (fever, headache & painful swelling in lymph nodes) & <u>Typhus</u> (fever, rash and blood clots)





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Sand Fly

Sand Flies carry Leishmaniasis which causes nodular and ulcerative skin lesions, weight loss, anemia, and death if untreated.

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Mosquito

Mosquitoes carry Dengue Fever (fever, violent headache, severe muscle pain and joint pain, and may progress to life threatening hemorrhaging), Malaria (fever, anemia, spleen enlargement and other internal organ damage), Lymphatic Filariasis (AKA Elephantiasis) & West Nile Fever (fever, weakness, headache and

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Ticks

Ticks carry Encephalitis (headache, fever, nause paralysis, coma & death Relapsing Fever (recurring cycles of fever lasting 5-7 days), Tick Paralysis (unsteady gait, limb weakness, rash, headache, fever, flu-like symptoms, paralysis & death), Typhus (fever, skin rash, & headaches), Tularemia (plague-like disease causing fever, headache & painful swelling in lymph nodes).

Body Lice

Body Lice carry <u>Epidemic Typhus</u>. Symptoms include high fever, rash, and blood clots in peripheral blood vessels which can cause gangrene.

Chigger Mite

Chigger Mites carry Scrub Typhus which causes skin ulcers, fever, headache, rash and can cause death if untreated.

By the way, never drink water or milk that has not been properly boiled. Remember, boil it, cook it, peel it, or forget it!

- **E. Coli**
- **Salmonella**
- **Cholera**
- **Travelers Diarrhea**
- **Parasites**
- **Hepatitis A**
- **Hepatitis E**
- **Typhoid Fever**
- **Encephalitis**
- **Toxoplasmosis**